

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

Applicant by his attorney herewith restricts the case to the apparatus of claims 27 - 38, with traverse.

This is a PCT application that is subject to more liberal rules regarding restriction than a standard US application. More specifically, 37 CFR 1.475(b) states that:

An international or a national stage application containing claims to different categories of invention will be considered to have unity of invention if the claims are drawn only to one of the following combinations of categories ... A process and an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said [sic] process."

This case falls clearly within this rule so that method and apparatus claims are unquestionably permissible and restriction is not.

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An action on the merits of all claims is in order.

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